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(b) whether he will be pleased to place the same on the table of this House to allow the Council to express its views on the matter;

(c) whether he has arranged to call for a conference or meeting of representative non-official co-operators in the province with a view to consult them on the recommendations of the Registrar; and

(d) if he has already passed orders, whether the same will be placed on the table of this House?

A.—(a) Yes; the recommendations of the Registrar on certain of the proposals of the Committee have not yet been received.

(b) In view of answer to (a), this question does not now arise.

(c) The question of convening such a conference to discuss certain general questions is now engaging the attention of Government.

(d) No orders have yet been passed.

Liquidation of the Kaniyambadi Co-operative Society.

*804 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1002 answered on 1st November 1927—

(a) whether the report called for from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies regarding the Kaniyambadi Co-operative Society, North Arcot district, has since been received;

(b) if so, what is the amount covered by "special loans" and how much of it is irrecoverable;

(c) what is the extent of "unsecured," "benami" and "fraudulent" loans in this society to recover which "unlimited liability" proceedings have to be resorted to in this society;

(d) what is the amount available as "net assets" of this society for realization under the application of unlimited liability;

(e) whether the Central (financing) Bank at Vellore was apprised of the bad state of affairs in the Kaniyambadi Co-operative Society and what were the steps taken by this Central Bank to recover the sums lent by them to this co-operative society;

(f) why the Kaniyambadi Society was not liquidated by the department when they became aware that its affairs were steadily going bad; and

(g) whether Government will be pleased to place the report from the Registrar on the table of this House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) to (f) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

(g) No.

Publication of the audit reports of co-operative societies in the district gazette.

*805 Q.—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the reason for discontinuing the publication of the audit reports of co-operative societies in the district gazette;

(b) the savings, if any, effected by such discontinuance; and

(c) whether it is intended to order the publication of the said audit reports as heretofore?

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A.—(a) The free publication of audit reports in the district gazettes was discontinued as a measure of economy.

(b). The Government have no information.

(c) No.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to say whether any attempt was made to find out the extent of savings effected by such discontinuance ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" May I ask the Minister to look into the matter and give us some idea of the extent of savings ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Supply of district gazettes to co-operative societies.

*806 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) why the free supply of district gazettes to such of the co-operative societies as applied for them has been stopped ; and

(b) whether the Government intend supplying them to the societies at half the rates of subscription ?

A.—(a) The free supply of gazettes was discontinued on financial grounds.

(b) No.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Minister whether the Government considered this question as to whether these societies deserve this concession or not ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It was duly considered."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" And then this was arrived at ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes."

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Working of the Tanur Research station.

*807 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the objects with which the Tanur Research station was organized ;

(b) how far those objects have been achieved ;

(c) whether the Research assistant who was in charge of the station for the past some years has been transferred to a fish-curing yard ;

(d) whether the station is now in charge of a layman with no qualifications for research work ; and

(e) why a person with qualifications for research has not been appointed ?

A.—(a) The Tanur station was established for the purpose of ascertaining, by experiment, possible improvements in methods in the manufacture of cured fish, fish oil and guano.

(b) The station has accomplished much in determining the correct proportion of salt for curing, methods of sundrying and the